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LOK SABHA

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MONEY ORDER SCAM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a money orders scam was recently unearthed in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh involving the employees of the Department of Posts;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the amount of money orders involved in the scam; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against the employees found involved in the scam?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Money Order frauds were unearthed in Uttar Pradesh involving outsiders and departmental officials during the years 1999 and 2000. No such cases was reported in Bihar.

(b) Fraudulent money order transactions were detected in Gonda, Moradabad, Nainital, Pauri, Saharanpur and Jaunpur Postal Divisions of Uttar Pradesh Circle. The total amount involved in these cases is Rs. 33.96 lakhs.

(c) Cases were reported to the police and consequently three outsiders and one departmental officials were arrested by the police. 18 departmental officials and 18 Extra Departmental agents were placed under suspension/put off duty. Departmental action has been initiated against 40 officials of which 22 have been finalised with imposition of punishment so far. Rs. 9.53 lakhs has been recovered by the Government in these cases.